

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 8, 9, and 11-15 are pending and under consideration.

The sole issue raised in the outstanding Office Action is an obviousness rejection of claims 16 and 17. As mentioned above, these claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot.

The remaining claims 8, 9 and 11-15 are allowed.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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